



News Release

Author Mark Viney to Discuss Bosnian Peace Effort on November 7

WHEATON, IL, October 24, 2012 — The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park invites the public to a free presentation by LTC Mark A. Viney on Wednesday, November 7, at 7:30 pm. Viney will discuss his newly published book, *United States Cavalry Peacekeepers in Bosnia: An Inside Account of Operation Joint Endeavor, 1996*.

Operation Joint Endeavor sought to implement a peace agreement concluding a bloody, ethnically motivated civil war in Bosnia. It was the first ground operation conducted by NATO and the largest military operation in Europe since World War II. The 900 cavalymen of 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Quarterhorse), and its attached units comprised a small but prominent portion of an international task force in Bosnia that numbered at its height more than 57,000 NATO soldiers.

Written from first-hand experience, Viney's book provides a vivid account of Quarterhorse's role in a challenging mission. The unit's heroic effort overcame austere conditions, mountainous terrain, bad weather, thousands of land mines and the periodic threat of terrorist attack.

Viney is the former director of the United States Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, Pa. A fourth-generation Army officer, he was commissioned from the United States Military Academy at West Point and served in military operations in Saudi Arabia (1994), Bosnia-Herzegovina (1996), Afghanistan (2002) and Iraq (2004-05).

Doors open at 6:45 pm on November 7. A book signing will follow Viney's presentation and copies of '*Cavalry Peacekeepers in Bosnia*' will be available for purchase.

Admission and parking are complimentary. For more information, please call 630.260.8227.

The event is part of the First Division Museum's popular series, *A Date with History*. The monthly programs feature an evening of lively discussion with authors, panelists, historians and special speakers. Information about upcoming programs is online at FirstDivisionMuseum.org.

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About the First Division Museum

The First Division Museum at Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Robert R. McCormick Foundations, promotes public learning about America's military heritage and affairs through the history of the Big Red One—the famed 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. It stands in tribute to all who have served our country in the armed forces. The museum's main exhibit hall transports visitors to the trenches of World War I, the beaches of World War II and the jungles of Vietnam. Outside, tanks are displayed from every era, along with personnel carriers and artillery. The Robert R. McCormick Research Center, open to the public, houses the museum's library, archival and photo

collections. Visit the First Division Museum at Cantigny Park online at FirstDivisionMuseum.org.

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